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In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:  
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Group Art Unit 2141  
Examiner: Q. N. NGUYEN  
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Filed: DECEMBER 22, 1999  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOWING PROPRIETARY FORWARDING ELEMENTS TO INTEROPERATE WITH STANDARD CONTROL ELEMENTS IN AN OPEN ARCHITECTURE FOR NETWORK DEVICE

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114 Technology Center 2100

Please continue the examination of this application.

### PREREQUISITES

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).**

**Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.**

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

**Please consider** the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☒ The enclosed new Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed \_\_\_ and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
 

☐ IDS Letter  
☐ PTO-1449

☐ Cited Appln

☐ Foreign Search Report/OA  
☐ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 098) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the **original** due date of \_\_\_ to cover the date (1 mo) \$110/\$55  
this Request is filed. **PLEASE CHARGE** the requisite fee to our Deposit (2 mos) \$410/\$205 + 0  
Account (see below) (3 mos) \$930/\$465
8. **PLEASE CHARGE** the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☐ \$750 (lg. ent.) ☐ \$375 (sm. ent.) plus any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 81674 / 264193

**NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred!**  
**NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED** unless you are adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.

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